CLAIMS

1   1.   A method for providing documents to an authorized user, said method

2   comprising:

3   receiving, via a computer network, information to be printed and first

4   information corresponding to a user;

5   receiving second information corresponding to a user;

6   comparing the first information to the second information; and

7   enabling printing of the information to be printed if the second information

8   corresponds to the first information.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   providing a printing device; and

3   wherein receiving second information corresponding to a user comprises:

4   receiving the second information from the user at the printing device.

1   3.   The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   providing an identification device configured to transmit the second

3   information; and

4   wherein receiving the second information is enabled when the identification

5   device is in a proximity of the printing device.

1   4.   The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   storing third information;

3   providing a print cartridge configured to transmit fourth information, said print

4   cartridge being installed in the printing device and containing ink for printing;

5   comparing the third information to the fourth information; and

6   enabling printing of the information to be printed if the fourth information

7   corresponds to the third information.

1   5.   The method of claim 4, wherein storing the third information and comparing

2   the third information to the fourth information is performed at the printing device.

1   6.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   determining whether the second information is being received; and

3   discontinuing printing of the information to be printed if the second

4   information is not being received.

1   7.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   preventing the information to be printed from being printed if the second

3   information does not correspond to the first information.

1   8.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   storing the information to be printed and the first information at a time after

3   receipt; and

4   erasing the information to be printed at a time after printing.

1 9. A print system comprising:

2 a printing device having a first print cartridge and an identification reader, the

3 first print cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium, the

4 first cartridge having a transmitter readable identification tag for providing first

5 information, the identification reader being configured to receive the first information

6 from the identification tag, such that, if the first information corresponds to the

7 printing device, the identification reader enables the printing device to print; and

8 a print authorization system communicating with the printing device, the print

9 authorization system being configured to receive, via a communication network,

10 information to be printed and second information corresponding to a user, said print

11 authorization system being further configured to receive third information

12 corresponding to a user via the identification reader such that, if the third information

13 corresponds to the second information, the print authorization system enables the

14 printing device to print the information to be printed.

1 10. The print system of claim 9, wherein the identification reader includes a

2 receiver, the receiver being adapted to receive the first and third information via

3 wireless communication.

1 11. The print system of claim 9, wherein the identification reader includes means

2 for receiving information via wireless communication.

1   12.   The print system of claim 9, further comprising:

2   user identification tag adapted to communicate with the identification reader

3   via wireless communication, the identification tag including a memory, the memory

4   storing data corresponding to the third information, the user identification tag being

5   adapted to provide the third information to the identification reader.

1   13.   The print system of claim 9, further comprising:

2   a second print cartridge having an identification reader, the second print

3   cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium and a readable

4   identification tag for providing the first information, the second print cartridge being

5   adapted to be installed in the printing device after the first print cartridge is removed

6   from the printing device.

1   14.   The print system of claim 9, wherein the print authorization system is a print-

2   end print authorization system implemented by the printing device; and

3   further comprising:

4   a user-end print authorization system adapted to communicate with the

5   printing device, the user-end print authorization system being configured to enable a

6   user to provide the second information to the print-end print authorization system via

7   a communication network.

1   15.   The print system of claim 14, wherein the user-end print authorization system

2   is adapted to provide a user interface, the user interface enabling a user to designate

3   information to be printed and select a secure-enable mode such that, when the user

4   selects the secure-enable mode, the information to be printed can only be printed by

5   the printing device while the identification reader receives the third information.

1   16.   The print system of claim 9, wherein the printing device includes memory, the

2   printing device being configured to store the information to be printed and the first

3   information in the memory at a time after receipt, the printing device being further

4   configured to render the information to be printed inaccessible from the memory at a

5   time after printing.

1   17.   A print system comprising:

2   a print authorization system configured to:

3   receive, via a computer network, information to be printed and first

4   information corresponding to a user;

5   receive second information corresponding to a user;

6   compare the first information to the second information; and

7   enable printing of the information to be printed if the second

8   information corresponds to the first information.

1   18.   The print system of claim 17, wherein the print authorization system is further

2   configured to determine whether the second information is being received and

3   discontinue printing of the information to be printed if the second information is not

4   being received.

1 19.   The print system of claim 17, further comprising:

2   a printing device communicating with the print authorization system, the

3 printing device having a first print cartridge and an identification reader, the first print

4 cartridge containing a print substance for printing on a print medium, the first

5 cartridge having a readable identification tag for providing first information, the

6 identification reader being configured to receive the first information from the

7 identification tag, such that, if the first information corresponds to the printing device,

8 the identification reader enables the printing device to print; and

9   wherein the print authorization system is implemented in logic associated with

10 the printing device.

1 20.   A computer readable medium comprising:

2   logic configured to receive information to be printed and first information

3 corresponding to a user;

4   logic configured to receive second information corresponding to a user;

5   logic configured to compare the first information to the second information;

6 and

7   logic configured to enable printing of the information to be printed if the

8 second information corresponds to the first information.

1 21.   The computer readable medium of claim 20, further comprising:

2   logic configured to determine whether the second information is being

3 received; and

4   logic configured to discontinue printing of the information to be printed if the

5 second information is not being received.